they are under-trial prisoners. Was there any special reason why facilities granted to one were not extended to others?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because they did not belong to that class.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—But all were under-trial prisoners.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, I made a mistake.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did not some others belong to the landed classes and were not some Panchayat Presidents and members among the ordinary class prisoners.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not think under the rules they are entitled to special concession. It is only with the special sanction of the Government that such privileges were given to one of them.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(j and k) The answer is vague. Were they given facilities for bath on the day they were arrested?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are the usual facilities referred to?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Under the jail rules.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are they?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Under the jail rules are they allowed to bathe every day?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon—Notice.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether cigarette was supplied to some of them?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, in the Central Jail.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Were cigarettes supplied to the under-trial prisoners at Ernakulam in the sub-jail?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Not that I know of.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether the supply of cigarettes is permitted under the jail rules?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Not under the jail rules.

Mr. George Chakyamuri—Then why was it given?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—In medical advice.

Interview with Satyagraha volunteers—stamping of applications for.

140. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the official capacity in which the Kanayannur Second Class Magistrate permits persons to interview under-trial prisoners in the Ernakulam sub-jail.

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(b) whether the said officer has been insisting petitions stamped for 8 annas for such interviews;

(c) under what provision of law (with reference to sections or rules) he has been insisting on such petitions;

(d) whether he has permitted interviews on unstamped and written applications;

(e) whether such stamped petitions are called for to interview under-trial prisoners in the Central Jail?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) As ex-officio Superintendent of the sub-jail.

(b) Yes.

(c) Under Schedule II (1) (b) of Cochin Court Fees Regulation II of 1080.

(d) Yes, in special circumstances.

(e) In the Central Jail the practice has been not to insist upon such petitions being stamped.

Ill-treatment of Satyagraha Volunteers by the Police.

141. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government made any enquiries about the serious allegations against the Police of assault and ill-treatment of Satyagraha volunteers at Ernakulam on 7th December 1933 and 11th December 1933;

(b) the nature and the process of enquiry;

(c) when the enquiry was started and concluded;

(d) whether any statements were taken from the volunteers who were the victims of the alleged torture;

(e) when those statements were taken;

(f) whether the volunteers made charges against the Police;

(g) what those charges are;

(h) the Police officers against whom the charges were made;

(i) what orders were passed by the Government on the results of the enquiry?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) and (b) Yes. The District Magistrate interviewed the volunteers.

(c) Between 3rd Dhanu 1109 and 17th Dhanu 1109.

(d) No. Nor did the prisoner volunteers so give a statement.

(e), (f), (g) and (h) Do not arise in view of the answer to (d).

(i) The District Magistrate's report was recorded.

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